

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Joe Tropila, on March 4, 2009 at 10  
A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Roy Brown (R)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 80, HB 171, HB 195, HB 94,  
2/24/2009

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 80**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:02 Rep. Deborah Kottel (D), HD 20, opened the hearing on  
HB 80, Revise professional and occupational licensing  
laws.

**EXHIBIT (bus48a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:46 Jack Kane, Deputy Administrator, Business Standards  
Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)  
00:17:41 Darcy Moe, Attorney, Business Standards Division, DOLI  
00:18:06 Rick Reisig, CPA, Chair, Montana Board of Public  
Accountants

**EXHIBIT (bus48a02)**

00:20:51 Ryan Screnar, CPA, President, Montana Society of CPAs

**EXHIBIT (bus48a03)**

00:23:01 Gloria Hermanson, Montana Society of Otolaryngology  
00:23:38 Mona Jamison, Attorney, Lobbyist, Boyd Andrew Community  
Services  
00:30:25 Candace Payne, Rimrock Foundation  
00:32:15 Aidan Myhre, Montana Addictive Service Providers  
00:32:47 Pat Keim, Alternatives, Inc.  
00:33:26 Margaret Morgan, Montana Association of Physical  
Therapists  
00:34:09 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPAs

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:35:17 Rep. Kottel

00:36:23 Sen. Balyeat entered and assumed the position of  
Chairman.

**HEARING ON HB 171**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:50 Rep. Shannon Augare (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 171, Repeal state regulation of pro and semipro combative events.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:37:24 Jack Kane, Deputy Administrator, Business Standards Division, Department of Labor

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:44:43 Wayne Johnston, Executive officer, Montana Athletic Program

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:45:12 Rep. Augare

00:46:00 Sen. Windy Boy arrived.

**HEARING ON HB 195**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:46:08 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 195, Revise restaurant beer and wine license laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:49:05 Shauna Helfert, Administrator, Liquor Control Division, Department of Revenue

00:52:44 Mark Staples, Montana Tavern Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:58:23 Paul Peterson, self, Bozeman

01:01:44 Sen. Windy Boy left the room.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:18:46 Sen. Barkus  
01:18:56 Shauna Helfert  
01:20:30 Chairman Balyeat  
  
01:20:56 Sen. Keane left the room.  
  
01:23:22 Shauna Helfert  
01:24:04 Chairman Balyeat  
01:24:44 C. A. Daw, Chief Legal, Department of Revenue  
01:25:09 Chairman Balyeat  
01:29:55 Mark Staples  
01:31:17 Chairman Balyeat  
01:32:40 Shauna Helfert  
01:32:51 Sen. Brown  
01:34:41 Shauna Helfert  
01:35:09 Sen. Barkus  
01:35:17 Paul Peterson  
  
01:35:27 Sen. Jackson arrived.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:38:16 Rep. Hamilton  
  
01:39:46 Sen. Keane returned.

**HEARING ON HB 94**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:40:00 Rep. Walter McNutt (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 94, Clarify liquor license laws related to security interests.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:47:30 Amy Grmoljez, Attorney, Montana Bankers Association  
[EXHIBIT \(bus48a04\)](#)  
  
01:52:32 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association  
  
01:53:09 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy left the room.  
  
01:54:53 Steve Yeakel, Montana Independent Bankers  
01:55:15 Clyde Dailey, Montana Credit Union Network

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:55:53 Shauna Helfert, Administrator, Liquor Control Bureau,  
Department of Revenue

**EXHIBIT (bus48a05)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:59:39 Sen. Keane

01:59:46 Rep. McNutt

02:00:03 Sen. Barkus

02:01:50 Shauna Helfert

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:02:29 Rep. McNutt

02:07:16 Chairman Balyeat

**Additional Exhibits:**

**EXHIBIT (bus48a06)** Followup on HB 160 of 3/3/09 from Jacqueline  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:13 P.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([bus48aad.pdf](#))**